



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Main Street, Seahouses

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

8 December 2022

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to amend the existing parking restrictions on Main Street in Seahouses.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed amendments to the existing parking restrictions are implemented.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"
Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Key Issues

1. The blanket 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are inflexible in nature, preventing parking where there is scope to allow it, whilst allowing Blue Badge holder parking where it is considered a road safety concern.
2. The Existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are heavily utilised by permitted 'Blue Badge Holder' parking, the sheer volume of which restricts the free flow of traffic.
3. Main Street forms a key focal point to Seahouses, therefore it is important to impose a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which enables an appropriate level of access to businesses, whilst maintaining and improving road safety.
4. The scheme is supported by the Local Council Member and the Parish Council.

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5. The scheme will be funded from the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Main Street is considered the hub of Seahouses, providing access to several businesses, leisure facilities and seating areas promoting movement and affording a sense of place.



Image 1: View of Main Street facing south

With varying footway and carriageway widths to enable free flow of traffic, running lanes in both directions are further compromised by the increased volume of Blue Badge holder parking which is permitted on 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions for up to 3 hours. Parked vehicles also adversely affect the available footway space for pedestrians to negotiate, due to instances of partial footway parking or parking immediately adjacent to the kerbline.

Given that Main Street is a through route and coastal route forming part of the B1340 with increased traffic flows as a result, there is a need to amend the existing parking restrictions. Key considerations in the development of these proposals include the need to;

- Improve road safety for all users by maintaining or reducing traffic speeds;
- Maintain ease of access to local businesses where possible (both for visitors and deliveries);
- Allow parking where it is considered safe to do so, and shift any displaced parking into the nearby car parks.

Proposals

Using the guiding principles set out above, the following measures are proposed to be introduced;

1. Replace sections of 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) restrictions with 'No Waiting between 08.30 and 18.00' (Single Yellow Lines). This will prevent parking during peak times when traffic flows are most prominent whilst also allowing parking outside of those times when it is considered safe to do so.
2. Introduce a new Loading Bay to enable deliveries to take place as required by the businesses in the area.

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3. Introduce 'No Loading at Any Time' (Double Kerb Blips) restrictions in the vicinity to keep these sections clear from vehicles parking or stopping where it is considered unsafe to do so. This provision will also prohibit Blue Badge holders from parking in these specific sections.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A. They are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety and to protect the amenity of the area overall.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2022/23 programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order (reference TRO_005_59).
Procurement	Road markings and traffic signs to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected properties have been informed of the County Council's intentions.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	North Sunderland

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Background Papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\22\HE Minor Improvements\HE223606D - TROs Countywide\HE223631D North Northumberland\HE223631D - 16 Main Street, Seahouses

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed amendments to existing parking restrictions on Main Street, Seahouses.

Consultation: Not required on the grounds of road safety, although the local County Councillor has been involved in the design process throughout and directly affected properties have been informed of the proposals.

Decision Taken: To introduce the proposed amendments to parking restrictions on Main Street, Seahouses.

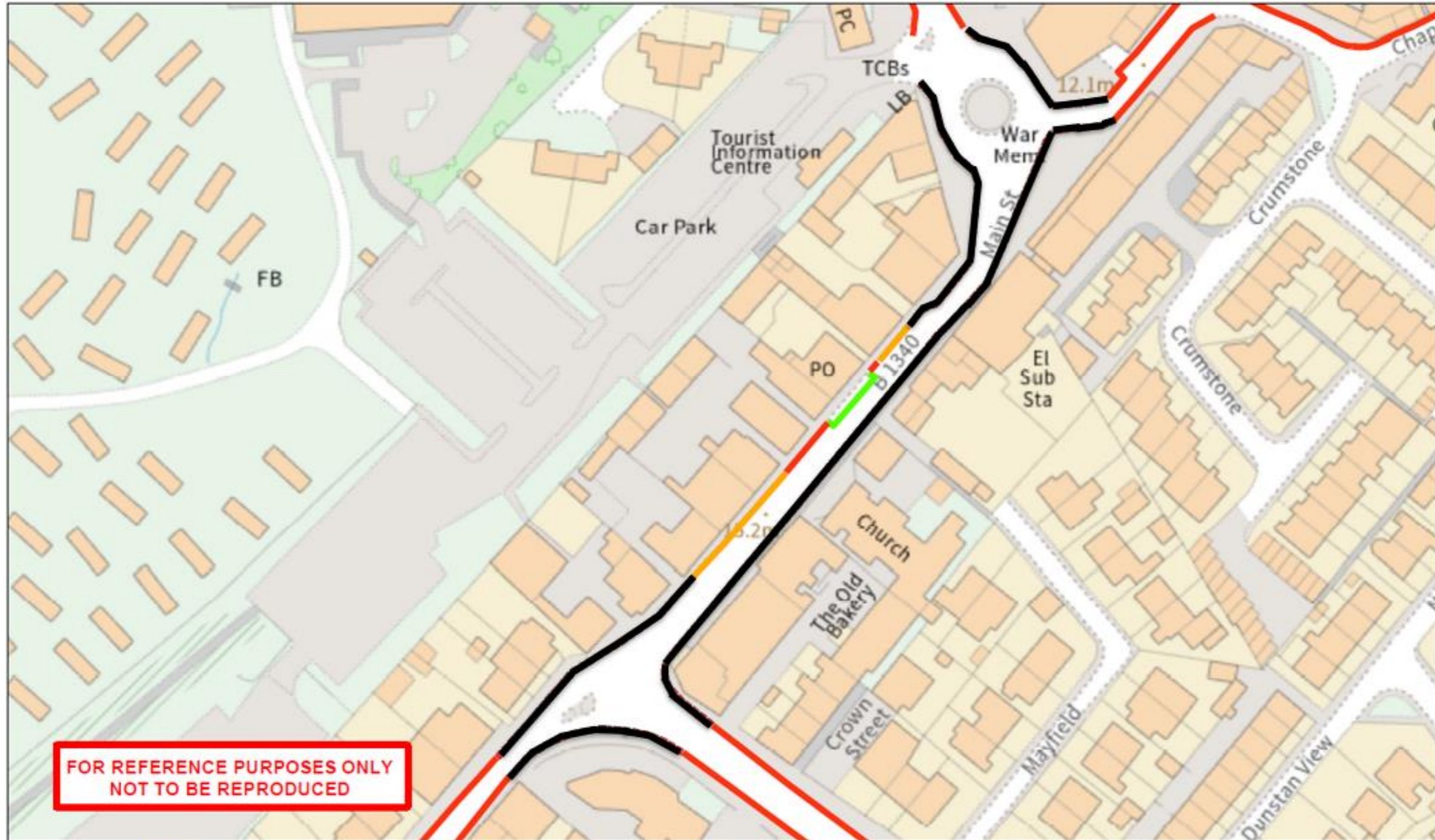
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





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Appendix A - Scheme Plan



 <p>Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p>	<p>Title: Proposed Parking Restrictions B1340 Main Street Seahouses</p>		<p>Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Proposed 'No Waiting or Loading at Any Time' Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines & Kerb Blips)  Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)  Proposed 'No Waiting' Restrictions 8.30am - 6pm (Single Yellow Lines)  Proposed Loading Only Bay - All Days, All Hours
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